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## **U.S. Senate Confirms Nomination of Harry K. Thomas, Jr. as Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines**



On Friday, March 19, the United States Senate voted to confirm Harry K. Thomas, Jr. as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines. The Senate's action is a necessary step under the U.S. Constitution in the Ambassadorial nomination process. Ambassador Thomas is expected to arrive in the Philippines within the coming weeks.

Ambassador Thomas, of New York, is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service and served most recently as Director General of the Foreign Service and Director, Human Resources of the U.S. Department of State. Prior to that he served as a Special Assistant to the Secretary and Executive Secretary of the Department.

Mr. Thomas, who joined the Foreign Service in 1984, served as U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh from 2003 to 2005. He also served in the White House as the Director for South Asia at the National Security Council from 2001 to 2002. His other postings include: New Delhi, India; Harare, Zimbabwe; Kaduna, Nigeria; and Lima, Peru. Ambassador Thomas speaks Spanish, Hindi, and Bangla and is learning Tagalog. He is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and pursued further study at Columbia University.

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